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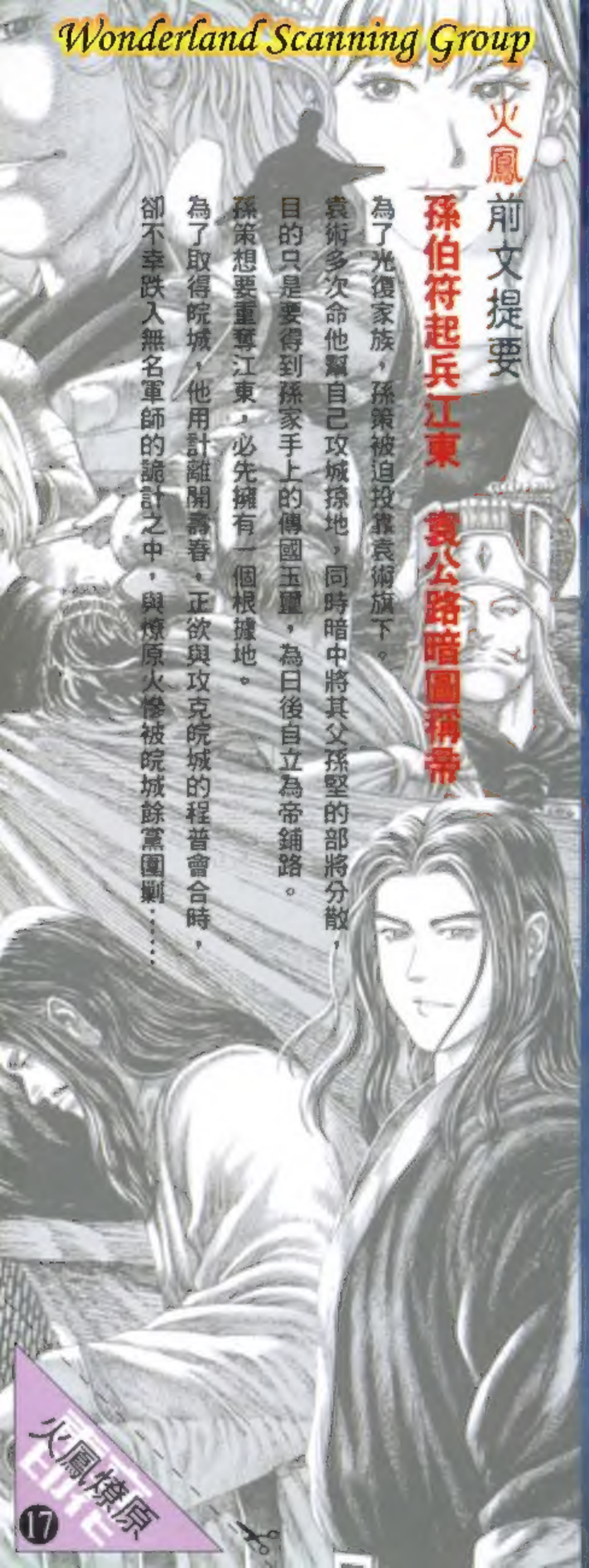

火鳳 前文提要

孫伯符起兵江東　袁公路暗圖稱帝

為了光復家族，孫策被迫投靠袁術旗下。

袁術多次命他翦自己攻城掠地，同時暗中將其父孫堅的部將分散，目的只是要得到孫家手上的傳國玉璽，為日後自立為帝鋪路。

孫策想要重奪江東，必先擁有一個根據地。

為了取得皖城，他用計離開壽春，正欲與攻克皖城的程普會合時，卻不幸跌入無名軍師的詭計之中，與燎原火慘被皖城餘黨圍剿……

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THE CHAOS WITHIN AN EMPIRE, IS IT THE FAULT OF A TERRIBLE RULER? OR BECAUSE THE CORRUPT OFFICIALS HAD MORE POWER?

THE PATH OF LOYALISTS, IS IT A STRAIGHT ONE? OR IS IT CROOKED?

IN-190 AD...

THOSE WHO WAGE WAR IN THE NAME OF THE EMPIRE, ARE THEY LOYAL? OR HAD SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND?

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CHAPTER 135 THE SUFFERING OF A LOYALIST

一百三十五回 忠臣之苦

DONG ZHUO SET LUOYANG ON FIRE, AND MOVED THE CAPITAL TO CHANGAN.

OF ALL THE WARLORDS WHO WERE FIGHTING DONG ZHUO, ONLY ONE SHED TEARS.

THE GENERAL WHO DESTROYS INSURGENTS

SUN JIAN

MY LORD, THE BLAZE IS TOO POWERFUL. THERE'S NO WAY TO PUT IT OUT.

HAN DANG

CHENG PU

ZHU ZHI

SUN JIAN'S SUBORDINATE

THE LOSS OF A RULING SPIRIT LEADS TO THE RUIN OF AN EMPIRE; REBUILDING THE EMPIRE RESTS ON THE WILL OF ITS PEOPLE.

THE EMPIRE IS IN AN EVEN GREATER CRISIS THAN THIS FIRE, AND TO SAVE IT WE NEED DETERMINATION.

EVERY-ONE!

LET'S PUT OUT THE FIRE!

XIONG~

PUT IT OUT!

MY LORD...

MY LORD! I'LL HELP YOU!

LET'S ALL GO!

CHENG PU, MY REGIMENT WILL HEAD FOR THE RIVER; YOU GO HELP THAT "FOOL".

YEAH, IF HE THINKS HE CAN PUT OUT THAT FIRE WITH JUST A PIECE OF CLOTH...

IN THE END, SUN JIAN'S ARMY SPENT THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS,

BUT LUOYANG'S FIRE WAS FINALLY EXTINGUISHED.

SHU-ZI IS AN AFFECTIONATE WAY OF CALLING SUN SHU; USED WITHIN A FAMILY; IN SOME WAY IT MAY BE SIMILAR TO ADDING "XIAO" PREFIX TO A LASTNAME, OR LIKE THE ENGLISH -IE SUFFIX, "JESS" TO "JESSIE", ETC.

WHAT ABOUT THE ALLIANCE LEADER (YUAN SHAO)?

MY LORD, SHU-ZI AND THE GUYS ARE OK.

MY LORD, YOU DON'T WANT TO GO SEE SHUZI?

DON'T WORRY, LORD YUAN SHAO HAS BEEN RESCUED.

MY LORD, LORD YUAN SHU ORDERS YOU TO GO AFTER DONG ZHUO'S ARMY IN CHANGAN. HE'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS PLACE.

HOW CAN WE GO WITHOUT RATIONS?

THE EMPIRE IS MORE IMPORTANT; I'M ONLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ALLIANCE LEADER'S SAFETY, OTHER THINGS...

THE ALLIANCE LEADER'S CLAN IS ALWAYS FOR THE EMPIRE. I GUESS THEY JUST DON'T HAVE ENOUGH. WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE IT ON OUR OWN!

LORD YUAN SHU'S OFFICER?

STRANGE. WHY WERE THEY HERE?

YESSIR, HE SEEMS TO HAVE DIED FROM THE FIRE.

THIS MAN IS WEARING THE IMPERIAL GUARD UNIFORM. PERHAPS HE SNUCK IN AHEAD OF TIME.

THE ALLIANCE LEADER DIDN'T COME THROUGH THIS PATH, RIGHT?

WHAT?

MY LORD, THIS ONE IS STILL ALIVE.

IS... IS IT MY LORD? I... FAILED THE MISSION...

QUITE A FEW OF THESE GUYS!

WAIT, HE WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING.

AT SOUTH GATE...

THAT'S HERE.

DON'T WORRY, YOUR LORD HAS LEFT SAFELY...

I WON'T... BE ABLE TO...

IN OFFICIAL ZHEN'S WELL...

WATCH MY LORD... BECOME THE EMPEROR...

DON'T DIE! WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

BECOME THE EMPEROR?

THAT DAY NEAR THE WELL...

THEY WENT DUMBFOUNDED FOR TWO HOURS.

FOR HALF
A DAY, EVEN.

WE PUT OUT THE FIRE, BUT THE EAGER ONE TO GET IN ... WAS STILL THE YUAN CLAN.

AS A RESULT, THE YUAN CLAN ARRIVED FIRST.

WE WERE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR LUOYANG, A SURE WIN, BUT THE YUAN CLAN REFUSED TO SEND US RATIONS...

SO, WHAT TO DO WITH THIS IMPERIAL SEAL?

SO THEN... THE YUAN CLAN CAME NOT ONLY FOR THE HOSTAGES, BUT ALSO THE IMPERIAL SEAL?

IF THE YUAN CLAN HAS ULTERIOR MOTIVES, I SAY WE GIVE IT TO CAO CAO, WHO I THINK IS A MAN OF INTEGRITY.

NO, I HEARD THAT HE JUST LOST HIS ENTIRE ARMY. I DOUBT HE HAS THE MEANS TO PROTECT THIS IMPERIAL SEAL.

WE THOUGHT THE YUAN CLAN WAS LOYAL TO HAN, WHO KNEW THEY WERE JUST A BUNCH OF HUNGRY DOGS.

I SAY... YOUZHOU'S GOVERNOR LIU YU IS A TALENT FROM THE IMPERIAL CLAN, WHY NOT...

YOUNG EMPEROR IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF DONG ZHUO, FAR AWAY IN CHANGAN, WE DON'T KNOW...

HE'S BUT A PUPPET OF THE YUAN CLAN; GIVING HIM THE IMPERIAL SEAL IS THE SAME AS HANDING IT TO THE AMBITIOUS.

SO THEN, NO ONE CAN HOLD ON TO IT?

MY LORD, SEEING THE LORDS OF THE ALLIANCE ENJOYING THEMSELVES EVERY-DAY, I DON'T THINK ANY OF THEM CAN BE TRUSTED WITH THE SEAL.

MY LORD, WE CAN'T GIVE THE SEAL TO A CORRUPT OFFICIAL; BUT GIVING IT TO A LOYALIST WILL BRING THEM GREAT HARM. WE'RE REALLY IN A BIND.

WHAT YOU SAID WAS ALL EMPTY TALK, MY LORD.

YOUR "INTENTION" IS WELL-KNOWN!

MY LORD, IF WE DO WE WON'T BE PART OF THE SUN CLAN!

RIGHT, AND WHAT'S TO FEAR WHEN YOU ARE A DESCENDENT OF SUNZI?

YOU ALL... ARE NOT AFRAID OF THE REPER-CUSSION?

YOU KNOW THAT HIDING THE IMPERIAL SEAL IS A MONSTROUS CRIME!

DISREGARDING ONE'S REPUTATION FOR THE GOOD OF THE EMPIRE; WHO IS MORE RIGHTEOUS THAN MY LORD?

IT IS A GREAT HONOR FOR US TO SERVE UNDER SUCH A LOYALIST!

THE PATH OF LOYALISTS ... IS IT STRAIGHT? OR CROOKED?

NO ONE WILL KNOW THE SUFFERING OF A DUTIFUL LOYALIST.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE EMPIRE, SUN JIAN MADE A DECISION THAT DAY.

AFTERWARDS, THE GUANDONG ALLIANCE LOST THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST DONG ZHUO, AND THE LORDS RETREATED ONE BY ONE,

THEN THEY STARTED TO POINT THEIR FINGERS AT SUN JIAN'S CRIME.

THOUGH HE COULDN'T HAVE PREDICTED THAT THE SECRET WAS LEAKED.

BECAUSE OF THE SUN CLAN'S INFLUENCE IN THE EASTERN REGION, PLUS SUN JIAN'S POWERFUL BATTLE SKILLS, THE LORDS DIDN'T DARE AN ASSAULT.

WHILE SUN JIAN'S DENIAL, REGARDING HIDING THE IMPERIAL SEAL, MADE HIM MANY ENEMIES.

IN 192 AD, YUAN SHU ORDERED SUN JIAN TO CAMPAIGN AGAINST JINGZHOU'S LIU BIAO.

BUT SUN JIAN KEPT FIGHTING IN THE HOPE OF RESTORING IMPERIAL HAN

HE OBEYS THE YUAN CLAN'S EVERY COMMAND, AS LONG AS IT'S NOT ABOUT THE SEAL

HE DEFEATED HUANG ZU TWICE, BESIEGING XIANGYANG, AND FORCING HUANG ZU TO ESCAPE INTO MOUNT XIAN...

SUN JIAN FOUGHT WITH LIU BIAO'S SUBORDINATE HUANG ZU, AND HE WAS ALWAYS TRIUMPHANT

*XIANGYANG. THE LOCATION OF JINGZHOU'S GOVERNMENT OFFICE

IN THE END, SUN JIAN SMILED AT MOUNT XIAN

BUT IT WAS
FILLED WITH
BITTERNESS.

BITTER,
BECAUSE
HE SEES THE
END OF
IMPERIAL HAN.

THAT DAY,

THE LAST
LOYALIST
OF THE HAN
DYNASTY,
AT THE AGE
OF ONLY
THIRTY-SEVEN,
WAS KILLED
IN AN AMBUSH.

LOYALISTS LIVE
ONLY TO HAVE THEIR
NAMES IN THE
HISTORICAL RECORD;
IS THAT THE WILL
OF HEAVEN?

FATE CAN BE UNKIND, DROWNING MANY TALENTS UNDER THE WAVES OF CHAOTIC TIMES.

HE ALSO KNOWS WHEN TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE HIS STATUS, AND EVEN...

OTHER THAN BEING CAPABLE,

I'M SUDDENLY REMINDED OF HOW FORTUNATE LÜ BU WAS.

THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!

BECOME WORLD-FAMOUS!

CHAPTER 136 LIFE'S CONCLUSION

一百三十六回 人生總結

SPARE NO ONE.

SPARE NO ONE.

THREE REMAIN.

EXCEPT THE
LINES WERE PLAY-
OUT DIFFERENTLY
SO WHILE SOME
CAN MAKE A
NAME AT THE
FRONT LINES
SOME WOULD
ONLY SILENTLY
DISAPPEAR

XINCHUN'S DIVISION, REPORTING FOR DUTY!

RIGHT-FLANK, REPORTING FOR DUTY!

STAY THERE! IT'S TOO CROWDED!

EVERYONE TAKE A BREAK!

BANNER READS: EXACT REVENGE TO CLEANSE HATRED

NOW I'M REMINDED AGAIN OF THIS QUESTION, WHAT HAVE I DONE IN THIS WORLD OF INEVITABLE CHAOS?

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?

MISTER SUN,

HOW WOULD YOU CONCLUDE YOUR LIFE?

IF THIS IS THE LAST MOMENT OF YOUR LIFE,

SPECTAC-ULAR, YET GLOOMY.

EVER SO EVENTFUL.

WUAHH

IF...

THIS IS MY LAST MOMENT ...

LAO ERI

I... CAN'T ACCEPT THIS!

MY LIFE,

HASN'T BEEN CONCLUDED YET!

TWO REMAIN.

MY LIFE IS JUST LIKE THIS.

SPECTACULAR.

殺

KILL~

YET
GLOOMY.

CHA~

EVER SO-

EVENTFUL.

HOO!

CHA-

BEHIND YOU.

BEFORE YOU.

CHA-

SHA~

PA~

THIS IS HOW I CONCLUDE MY LIFE.

NOW IT'S MY TURN.

THEY SAY SUN CE IS A TIGER ON THE BATTLEFIELD; WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT HIS COMPANION IS ALSO LIKE A DRAGON.

SO WHAT? HEAVEN WANTS US TO DESTROY THEM!

MY LORD TOLD ME TO WAIT FOR YOU PEOPLE AT SOUTHERN XINCHUN, BUT IT SEEMS YOU ALL CAME HERE.

HUANG GAI'S TROOP IS AT NORTHERN WAN, AND YUAN SHU'S ARMY IS ABOUT TO COME. LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE TO FINISH THIS QUICKLY.

FATE CAN BE SO CRUEL;

WHY MUST BOTH THE FATHER AND SON DIE BY MY HAND...

SUN CE IS AN OUTSTANDING WARRIOR, SO I SAY ADVISOR MIGHT NOT HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN KILLING HIM...

YOU MUST HAVE PLANNED FOR ANOTHER PARTY TO DO IT, RIGHT?

GENERAL SUN JIAN MADE MANY ENEMIES WHEN HE WAS FIGHTING THE REBELS UNDER YUAN SHU'S COMMAND.

TODAY ADVISOR PLANNED FOR SUN CE'S MOVE TO WAN, KNOWING THAT THERE'S ONE OF HIS ENEMIES NEARBY...

MS. SHAN IS QUITE KEEN. PLEASE CONTINUE.

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CHAPTER 137 A REBELLIOUS COUPLE

第一百三十七回 叛逆男女

CORRECT. THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR SUN JIAN'S DEATH, LIU BIAO.

LIU BIAO WON'T SLEEP WELL UNLESS SUN CE IS DEAD. BESIDES, WAN'S REMAINING FORCES WOULD MOST LIKELY JOIN THOSE AT XINCHUN. THIS MOVE KILLS TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.

THEY WOULD ONLY WHOLEHEARTEDLY SERVE MY LORD AND TRY TO EXACT REVENGE ON LIU BIAO. THE TIMING FOR LIAO LAN'S ENTRANCE IS PERFECT.

ADVISOR INTENDED TO KILL SUN CE USING JIANGXIA'S FORCES, AND THEN DRAG LIU BIAO INTO THIS COMPETITION FOR THE IMPERIAL SEAL?

NICELY ANALYZED.

THEN LIU BIAO WON'T HAVE THE ENERGY TO OPPOSE YUAN SHU'S ASCENSION.

IN ADDITION, HAVING THE MOST LOYAL AND TALENTED SUN CLAN SERVING YUAN SHU WILL BRING MORE FOLLOWERS.

CORRECT. SUN CE'S DEATH WILL BE BLAMED ON LIU BIAO, NO TIME TO SUSPECT MY LORD YUAN SHU.

ADVISOR'S GENIUS IS TRULY AN EYE-OPENER ...

I SAY... AFTER YUAN SHU BECOMES THE EMPEROR, ADVISOR WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH MUCH MORE, BUT...

THE YUAN CLAN IS BIG, SO IN ORDER TO PREVENT AN INTERNAL CONFLICT WITH HIS BROTHER, THE DIVISION OF POWER WILL BE QUITE UNEVEN.

BUT WHAT? DO TELL, MS. SHAN.

YOU'RE RIGHT, MS. SHAN, BUT THIS IS TO PREVENT THE CLAN FROM SPLITTING UP.

I'VE SERVED MY LORD FOR ALL THESE YEARS, NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT BEING MORE THAN I AM.

NO, I MEAN ADVISOR SHOULD BE GIVEN MORE POWER. NOTHING SHORT OF SECOND-IN-COMMAND WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR YOU.

FOR ALL THESE YEARS, AND BEING HIGHLY TALENTED BUT WITHOUT MAKING A NAME FOR YOURSELF, ISN'T THAT UNFORTUNATE?

I'D SAY YOU'RE MORE LIKE A "DINER" THAN AN ADVISOR.

IF YOU INTEND TO CREATE A DIVIDE BETWEEN ME AND MY LORD, YOU'RE BEING TOO EAGER.

NOW ISN'T THE RIGHT TIME TO USE THIS TACTIC.

YOU SHOULD WAIT UNTIL I GIVE YOU TO MY LORD, THEN YOU CAN DO YOUR BEST TO BECOME HIS FAVORITE.

ONE, YOU CAN GET RID OF ME; TWO, YOU CAN SPLIT UP THE YUAN CLAN, WHICH WILL BENEFIT YOUR LORD CAO CAO, BUT ALL OF THESE ARE CRAZY TALK...

YOU MAY BE A GENIUS, ADVISOR, BUT YOU REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND A WOMAN'S HEART.

MY HEART IS ON THE BATTLEFIELD, NOT IN THE AFFAIRS OF MEN AND WOMEN.

I MEAN, KNOWING MY LIFE WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF THE YUAN CLAN, I SHOULD PLAN FOR MY FUTURE.

INSTEAD OF STRUGGLING AMONGST THE DEEP HAREMS OF THE PALACE, I MIGHT AS WELL GO ALL OUT AND FIGHT FOR A BETTER END.

PENG~

THIS MOVE OF YOURS IS WAY TOO GUTSY.

ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO BE SATISFIED BEING NAMELESS, FOREVER BEHIND THE ROYALTIES OF THE YUAN CLAN?

PEOPLE CLIMB TWO TYPES OF LADDERS, FOR REPUTATION OR WEALTH, WHICH YOU HAVE NEITHER.

THIS IS MY ONLY WAGER.

INGEN-IOUS.

EVEN IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WOMEN, YOU SHOULD UNDER-STAND THE BENEFIT OF HAVING A WEALTHY SHAN CLAN AS YOUR SUPPORT ...

YES, I WOULD PREVENT THE SHAN CLAN FROM BEING DRAINED, AS WELL AS SAVING YOU FROM BEING IMPRISONED IN THE DEEP HAREM FOREVER.

MY INVESTMENT WOULD HAVE PAID OFF ONCE YOU RISE TO THE TOP.

PA~

PITY.

MI... MILADY! WHAT'RE YOU PEOPLE DOING?

TO AN UNARMED WOMAN...

PENG~

WOMAN? SHE'S JUST A SHAMELESS WHORE!

TRYING TO STEP OUT OF HER ROLE IS AGAINST MORAL TRADITIONS, AND IT'S SICKENING.

S... STOP!

THE COURTS HAVE TREACHEROUS OFFICIALS AND EVEN SLUTS; THEY ARE THE CAUSE OF THIS WORLD'S CHAOS.

SAGES OF OLD SAYS, MEN SHOULD BE LOYAL WHILE WOMEN SHOULD BE CHASTE.

I WANTED TO TREAT YOU WELL, BUT UNFORTUNATELY YOU'VE GREATLY DISAPPOINTED ME.

IF I HAD GIVEN YOU TO MY LORD, IT'D BE THE START OF THE YUAN CLAN'S DOWNFALL.

IF I WERE YOU, MS. SHAN, I WOULD KILL MYSELF RIGHT NOW.

I'M DISAP-POINTED TOO, FOR YOU HAVE MISSED A GOOD OPPOR-TUNITY.

BUT YOU'RE JUST A WHORE WHO WILL DO ANYTHING TO SURVIVE. HISTORY IS FULL OF YOUR KIND.

WAH! MILADY!

SIT DOWN, SIT DOWN!

YOU'LL REGRET IT IF YOU KEEP MOVING.

WHAT COMES NEXT IS UP TO YOU.

YES-SIR.

TAKE THIS HAIR CLIP TO THE SHAN HOUSE.

PA~

ADVISOR, HOW SHOULD WE DEAL WITH HER?

AS LONG AS SHE'S STILL ALIVE, DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.

WHAT A SHAME. NOTHING BUT A PRETTY FACE.

IF SHE WAS ONE OF MY HAGS, I'D HAVE KILLED HER LONG AGO.

IF SHE KEEPS SAYING UNPLEASANT THINGS, CUT OUT HER TONGUE, AS A WARNING.

LAUGH...

LAUGH 'ALL YOU WANT...

YOU ARE BUT FOOLS WHO DON'T EVEN KNOW THE REASON FOR LIVING.

SHAN, WU LING, DON'T CRY...

DON'T CRY BECAUSE OF YOUR PREDICAMENT.

GO AHEAD AND CRY.

CRYING IS NOT A SIGN OF WEAK-NESS.

I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DIDN'T DIE.

HAHA, EVEN A LOWLY SERVANT IS MOCKING YOU. YOU SHOULD REALLY TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT YOURSELF.

DAMN YOU, WE'D RATHER DIE WITH DIGNITY.

YOU BASTARD, I'LL FIGHT YOU TO THE DEATH!

IF I DIED, THEN I WOULD'VE MISSED THIS "BEAUTIFUL SCENERY."

OH~ 12

SO NOISY.

GHA~

BECAUSE LIFE SHOULDN'T BE TREATED LIGHTLY.

RIGHT. HERO OR COWARD, EACH PERSON HAS A DIFFERENT VIEW.

SEE, IT'S GOOD TO BE ALIVE.

SOME CHOOSE TO DIE WITH HONOR, BUT THAT'S THE SAME AS WASTING THEIR LIFE.

THEY DON'T KNOW THAT IF THEY HAD SIMPLY CONTINUED TO LIVE, THEY COULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH MORE.

WHAT IS DIGNITY? IT ALL DEPENDS ON HOW YOU LOOK AT IT.

WHAT... IS HE TALKING ABOUT?

SIMA QIAN LIVED THROUGH UTTER HUMILIATION AS AN EUNUCH, BUT HE FINISHED WRITING THE "RECORDS OF THE GRAND SCRIBE," AND WHO'S LAUGHING AT HIM NOW?

WARLORD OF YUE, DO WE REMEMBER HIM AS A WEAKLING?

* GOU JIAN, THE GUY WHO TASTED GULLBLADDER TO REMIND HIMSELF OF A PREVIOUS DEFEAT. LATER WON BACK EVERYTHING

MORALITY? A MAN CAN HAVE MANY WIVES, YOU CALL THAT MORAL?

THAT'S OFF TOPIC. I WAS TALKING ABOUT MORALITY.

IT'S ALL IDEALISTIC THINKING, IMPOSSIBLE TO LIVE UP TO.

IF A MAN CAN BE UNFAITHFUL, WHY CAN'T A WOMAN?

MS. SHAN, YOU SHOULD THANK THIS SLAVE FOR SAVING YOUR FACE.

BECAUSE IN THIS MALE-CENTRIC SOCIETY, MEN JUST IMPOSE THEIR WILL UPON WOMEN.

WHAT... ARE YOU SAYING?

ACTUALLY, I'M JUST SICK OF A HYPOCRITE.

WHAT IS A MAN'S MORALITY? WHAT IS A MAN'S DIGNITY? ONLY JOKES.

MILADY'S FORTITUDE ...

I DON'T SEE UNCHASTITY, ONLY WISDOM!

IS THE RIGHT ATTITUDE!

BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT STAYING ALIVE WILL MEAN A CHANCE FOR A COMEBACK!

SACRIFICING YOUR PERSONAL HAPPINESS SO THAT THE CLAN CAN SURVIVE!

IS THIS SUNZI? OR IS THIS A WHORE?

* A TINY BIT OF WORD-RHYME HERE. SUN-ZI, BIAO-ZI

IF I LIVE THROUGH THIS, I SWEAR I WILL...

BENEATH THAT BEAUTIFUL EXTERIOR IS AN ENDLESS AMOUNT OF WILL AND WISDOM. MILADY IS SIMPLY A GIFT FROM HEAVEN!

MAKE YOU MY WIFE.

THAT DAY, I ALMOST CRIED!

MEN LIVE ONLY
FOR LOYALTY; IS
THAT THE COMMAND
OF THE COUNTRY?

WOMEN LIVE ONLY
TO WED AND RAISE
CHILDREN; IS THAT
THE COMMAND
OF THE FAMILY?

WANGCHENG

HAHAHA, SO HE DRESSED UP AS A WOMAN!

ANYONE ELSE? THERE'S A REWARD FOR A HELPFUL TIP!

WE GOT HIM!

RESIDENTS OF THE THIRD STREET MUST ALL CHECK IN AT THE CITY CENTER!

THERE USED TO BE TEN THOUSAND RECORDS, BUT THIRTEEN THOUSAND CHECKED IN...

A FORMER WAN GENERAL NAMED CAI XIONG, THAT'S HIM ALRIGHT!

CHAPTER 138 A LANDSLIDE IS LIKE A ROUT

第一百三十八回 山倒如兵敗

THERE'S GOING TO BE TROUBLE IF WE DON'T WEED OUT THE REMNANT TROOPS.

OUR SAVINGS WILL HAVE TO SERVE AS REWARD, SO WE'RE GOING TO DEPEND ON SIMA CLAN'S CARAVAN.

HAN DANG, CAN YOU MAKE A TRIP?

FIRST DRAFTING, THEN THE CHECK IN, WHEN DO I HAVE THE TIME?

OH YEAH, WHY HASN'T BO FU ARRIVED YET?

I TOLD HIM THIS STRATEGY IS DANGEROUS, BUT HE INSISTS, AND EVEN THAT LING GUY...

GENERAL CHENG PU, THERE'S A RIOT IN THE CITY!

MUST'VE BEEN CAUSED BY THOSE REMAINING SOLDIERS!

WE CAN'T LEAVE NOW...

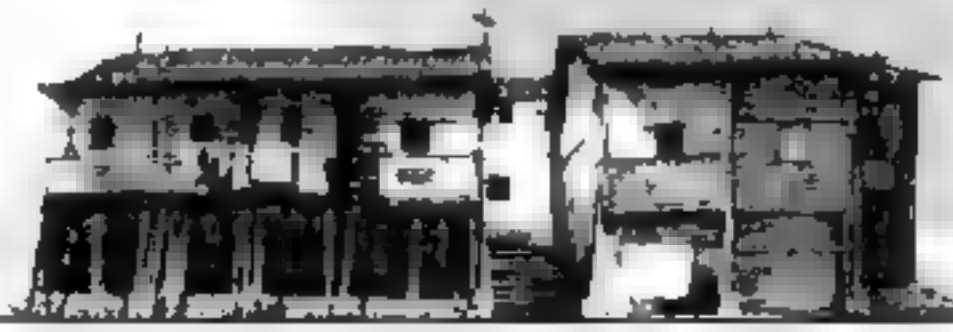
HOW MANY PEOPLE?

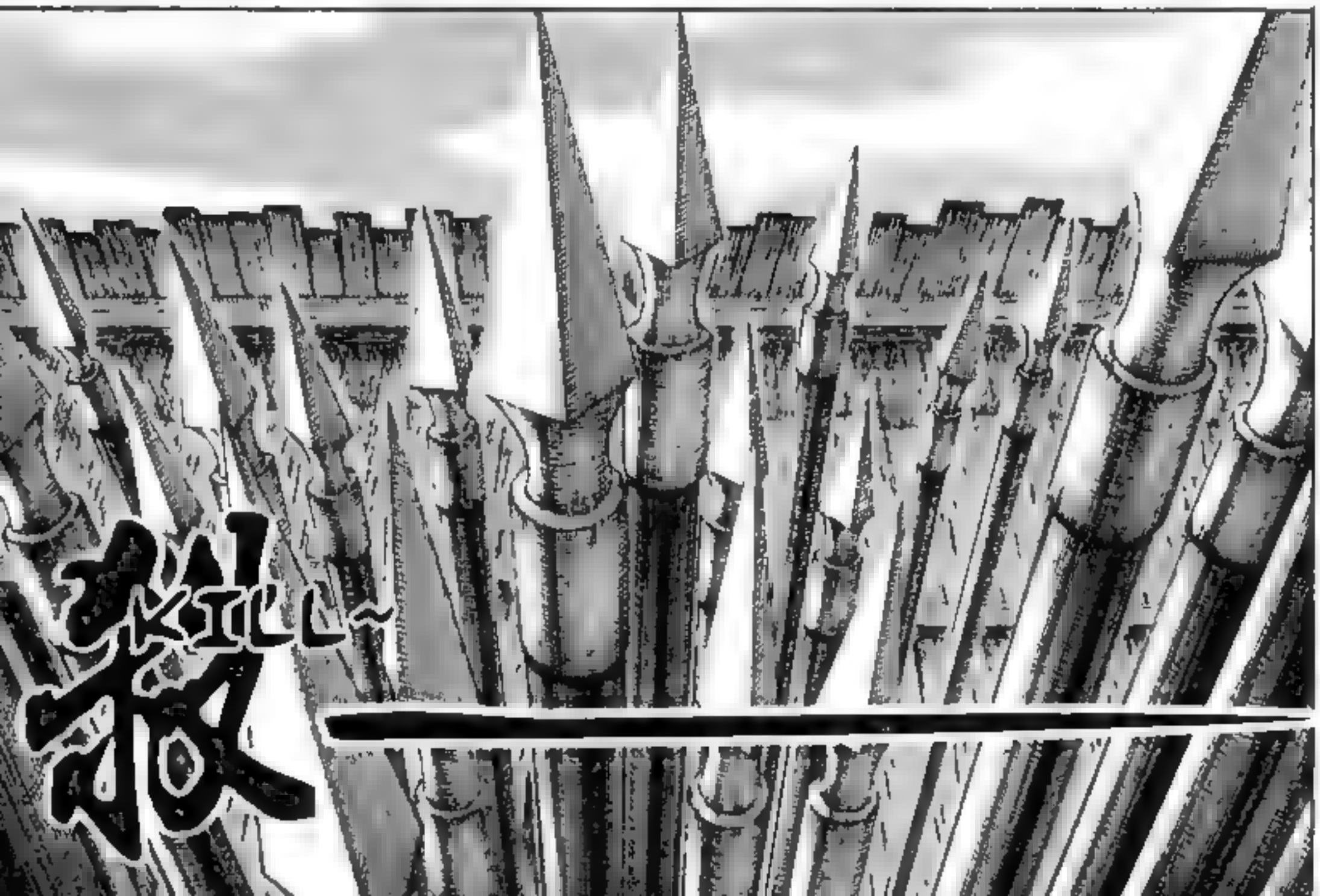
HAN DANG, GATHER A THOUSAND MEN. LET'S HEAD FOR THE CITY CENTER.

ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED.

MY LORD, IF YOUR SPIRIT IS WATCHING US,

PLEASE BLESS THE LAST HOPE OF THE SUN CLAN!





殺
KILL~

ARE THE ARCHERS HERE YET? FIRE AT SUN CE!

NO, SUN CE KEEPS FOLLOWING US, DON'T SHOOT!

BEFORE YOU.

BEHIND YOU.

SO TIRED!

GHYA~

ALMOST OUT OF STRENGTH.

HEH~

I CAN TELL ...

PA~

HE'S TOUGH!

GHA~

YOU'RE TIRED.

YES.

PENG

LET ME.

DOES HE WANT TO DIE?

DANG~

DANG~

DANG~

YOU'RE TIRED TOO.

PENG~

YES.

BUT...

PENG~

I CAN STILL FINISH YOU!!

PENG~

GAH-

LUCKY,

OTHER-
WISE...

PENG

CWA!

I...

WOULD'VE DIED.

FORGOT TO TELL YOU...

I
ONE
ARROW.

SOLDIERS LIVE ONLY
TO DO THEIR LORD'S
BIDDING; IS THAT
THE COMMAND OF DUTY?

IF SUN CE LIVES AND TAKES THIS EXECELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH HIS BASE, BUT UNFORTUNATELY...

FOR WHAT?

THANKS.

A FULL WITHDRAW. LOOKS LIKE YUAN SHU IS LETTING HIS GUARD DOWN.

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CHAPTER 139 CORNERED AND CRIPPLED

THANKS FOR NOT TELLING THEM THAT I'M THE BOOKKEEPER FOR THE SIMA CLAN.

YOU'RE JUST A NOBODY, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER.

RIGHT, COMPARED TO MILADY'S PRECIOUS-NESS, I HAVE NO VALUE.

FOR SAVING MY FACE.

WHAT FAVOR?

THE SHAN CLAN ALWAYS RETURN FAVORS.

YOU THINK I WAS KIDDING?

I SAID I'LL MARRY YOU, AND I WILL!

HA HA HA...

MARRY ME?

HA... KEH... KEH... KEH...

TAKE CARE. IT'S NOT OVER YET.

YOU MADE ME FEEL MUCH BETTER.

THANKS.

THEN, COULD MILADY ALSO TELL A JOKE?

AND ONE OF THEM WILL SURELY RAISE YOUR SPIRIT.

I DON'T KNOW ANY JOKES, BUT I CAN TELL YOU SOME STORIES.

THE RISE OF THE SHAN CLAN... HAD A LOT TO DO WITH THE SUN CLAN, AND SO THE TWO STAYED ON GOOD TERMS.

WHY? DOESN'T THE BROTHER OF MRS. SUN, WU JING, HAVE A BASE AT DANYANG?

AFTER LORD SUN JIAN'S UNFORTUNATE DEATH, HIS DESCENDENTS CAME TO THE SHAN CLAN TO AVOID THEIR ENEMIES.

YUAN SHU IS A GALLANT MAN, AND ALSO SUN JIAN'S FORMER BOSS, SO WHY NOT GO TO HIM?

DANYANG IS A SMALL CITY, NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO KEEP OUT THEIR VARIOUS ENEMIES, SO THEY NEEDED ANOTHER WAY OUT.

YUAN SHU IS ONLY AGREEABLE ON THE SURFACE, AND HE HAS ALWAYS WANTED TO ELIMINATE THE SUN CLAN, SO WHY WOULD SUN CE CHOOSE THIS PATH?

BESIDES, YUAN SHU HAD A HAND IN THE SUN CLAN'S DOWNFALL, THEREFORE THE SHAN CLAN WAS THEIR ONLY CHOICE...

BECAUSE OF THIS, WE TAUGHT HIM A STRATEGY.

EXCEPT AT THAT TIME, OUR SUPPORTER CAO CAO WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH. IN ADDITION, SUN CE NEEDED MORE RESOURCES IF HE WANTED TO RETAKE THE EASTERN REGION. THUS HE HAD TO SERVE YUAN SHU.

ONE THAT WILL ALLOW HIM TO START OVER AND AVOID DRAGGING WU JING INTO HOT WATERS.

AMONGST THEM ARE THE WELL-KNOWN GENERALS LIKE HAN DANG AND HUANG GAI, WHO YUAN SHU REALLY LIKED.

THEN YUAN SHU TOOK IN SUN CE, AS WELL AS THOSE FORMER SUBORDINATES WHO CAME AFTER HIM.

YOU REALLY ARE NO ORDINARY BOOKKEEPER.

YUAN SHU DELAYED KILLING SUN CE...

YUAN SHU TOOK THEM IN JUST BECAUSE OF A FEW FAMOUS GENERALS? COULDN'T MILADY MAKE THIS STORY A LITTLE CLEARER?

IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN... THAT SOMETHING MUST BE THE IMPERIAL SEAL.

I BELIEVE SUN CE MUST HAVE SOMETHING THAT CAN ACT AS HIS PROTECTION CHARM.

THE SHAN CLAN'S STRATEGY COULDN'T BE JUST FOR A THREAD OF HOPE. IF MS. SHAN WASN'T CONFIDENT ABOUT IT... YOU WOULDN'T HAVE COME PERSONALLY.

CORRECT. AS LONG AS YUAN SHU DOESN'T HAVE IT, HE WOULDN'T DARE TO KILL SUN CE. AND IF SUN CE CAN RETAKE THE EASTERN REGION, THEN THERE'S A THREAD OF HOPE...

THAT THREAD ...

IS FOR CATCHING A BIG FISH.

GENERAL...

I'M FINE.

ON THAT DAY...

BECAUSE I WANT TO UNDERSTAND IT ALL BEFORE I DIE
OR I SHOULD SAY
I KEEP TRYING TO GET THE TRUTH OUT OF HIM

FOR SOME REASON, I FEEL THAT WE'RE VERY SIMILAR,

FOR THE LIKES OF US TEND TO KEEP THE TRUTH TO OURSELVES.

IF THE MISSION ISN'T YET COMPLETE ...

WE'D HOPE TO TAKE OUR TRUTH TO THE GRAVE.

I UNDERSTAND HIS RELUCTANCE, BUT, WITH HIS LAST BREATH, HE FINALLY SAYS...

I'M... SORRY...

MY LORD... I...

MY FAILURE HAS KILLED...

A FRIEND

**HEADBANDS READ: EXACT REVENGE

HE DIDN'T SAY THE EXACT WORDS, BUT WITH JUST THIS CLUE... I UNDERSTOOD.

IMPERIAL SEAL IS DESTINED TO BE TAKEN; AND SUN CE IS DESTINED TO DIE.

IF SUN CE TOOK WAN, HE WILL ONLY FACE HIS POWERFUL ENEMY LIU BIAO; AND WITHOUT YUAN SHU'S AID, HE'LL DIE.

BUT IF SUN CE DIES NOW, ALL OF HIS ENEMIES WILL DISAPPEAR...

YUAN SHU WOULDN'T GIVE LUJIANG TO SUN CE; AND TAKING WANCHENG WILL ONLY HURT SUN CE.

ONCE SUN CE DIES, YUAN SHU WILL DROP HIS GUARD, AND STOP TRYING TO SPLIT UP SUN CLAN'S SUBORD-INATES. THAT'S THE FIRST CHANCE.

TWO, WAN IS A PERFECT BASE. IT'S FAR FROM SHOUCHUN AND CLOSE TO DANYANG, GOOD FOR MUTUAL SUPPORT.

SPECTACULAR YET GLOOMY, AND EVER EVENTFUL...

SHIT!! I SHOULDN'T HAVE RETURNED.

WAIT, YOU MEAN SUN CE...

LING CAO!

THE ONE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO DIE FOR SUN CE... IS A YOUNG SUBORDINATE.

ONLY A GROUP OF HIS MOST LOYAL SUBORDINATES KNOW ABOUT THIS SECRET.

AND NOW, WHEN YUAN SHU'S LEAST EXPECTING IT, THE REAL "HIM" IS...

ALREADY PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN.

IN ORDER TO MAKE IT LOOK REAL, WE HAD TO SACRIFICE LAO ER AND THAT MAN...

IT'S... IT'S YOU...

REA... REALLY?

GO.

I HAVE, NOT LONG AGO OUTSIDE OF SHOUCHUN, ASKED YOU THIS.

NO MATTER. THEIR DEATHS WOULD APPEAR MORE REALISTIC IF THEY DON'T KNOW.

IN ORDER TO RESTORE MY CLAN, I HAVE TO SEND MY MEN TO THEIR DEATHS.

NOW I'LL ASK YOU AGAIN.

BUT, THAT'S ALRIGHT ...

I WALK THE LINE BETWEEN SELF-INTEREST AND RIGHTEOUSNESS; HEAVEN, WHY ARE YOU STILL SILENT?

I, *SUN CE*, NOW UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF CONTINUATION.

BASTARDS REMAIN
BECAUSE THEY
DON'T WANT TO
LOSE WHAT THEY
HAVE; IS THAT
HUMAN NATURE?

IN THIS WORLD THERE ARE MANY INGENIOUS PEOPLE, AS WELL AS MANY INGENIOUS STRATEGIES.

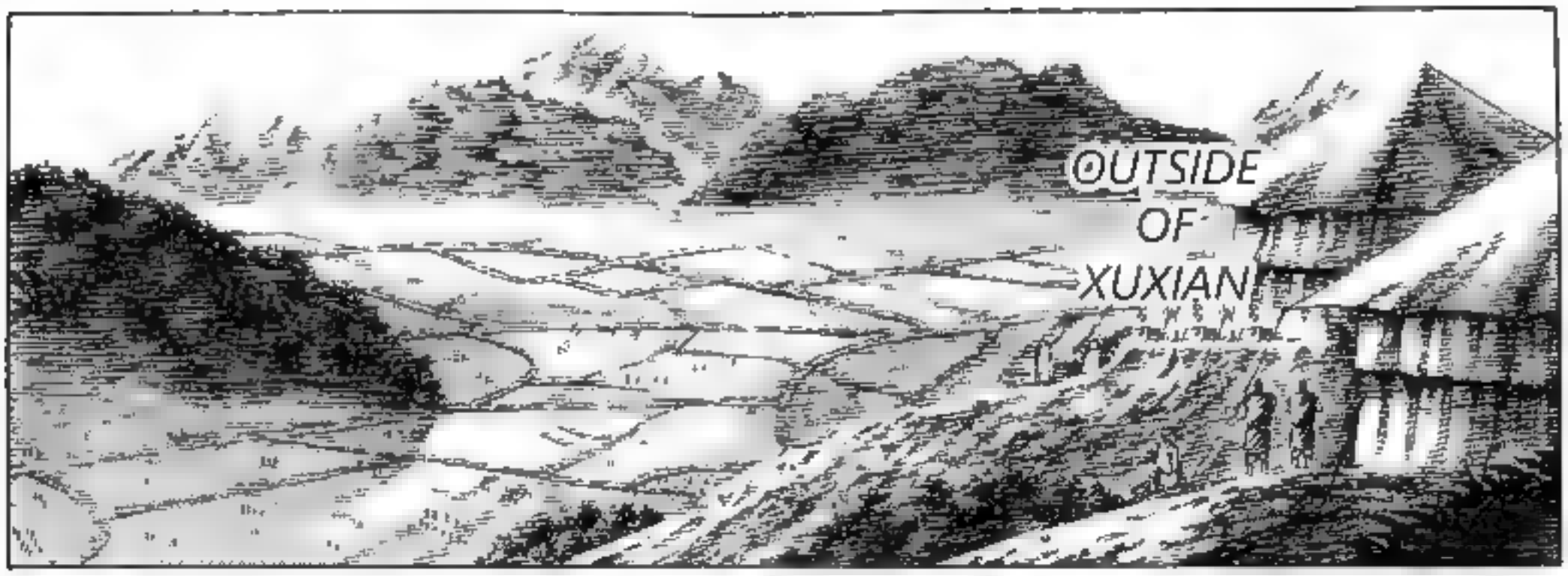
FIGHTING A WAR IS TEMPORARY,

SO TOO, DOES EVERY LORD HAVE HIS COUNTLESS STRATEGISTS AND STRATEGIES.

THAT'S HOW IT IS DURING THIS DAY AND AGE.

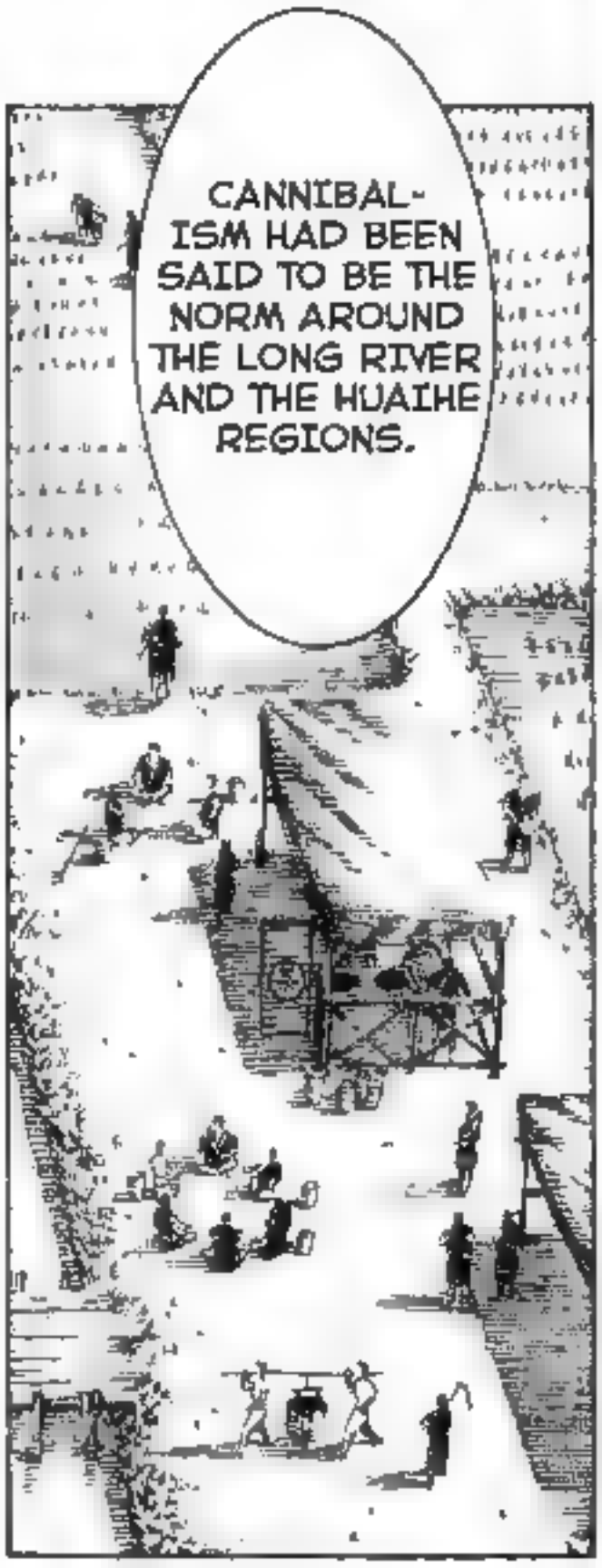
BUT STRATEGIES ARE WHAT'S CONTINUALLY CONTROLLING THE DISTRIBUTION OF POWER.

CHAPTER 140 WATCH THE DISTANT AND TAKE THE NEARBY


OUTSIDE OF XUXIAN

EVER SINCE THE WAR BROKE OUT, THE FARMERS HAD TO JOIN THE ARMY.

TAKING OVER THE WORLD IS A GOAL, BUT THE REASON IS FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE.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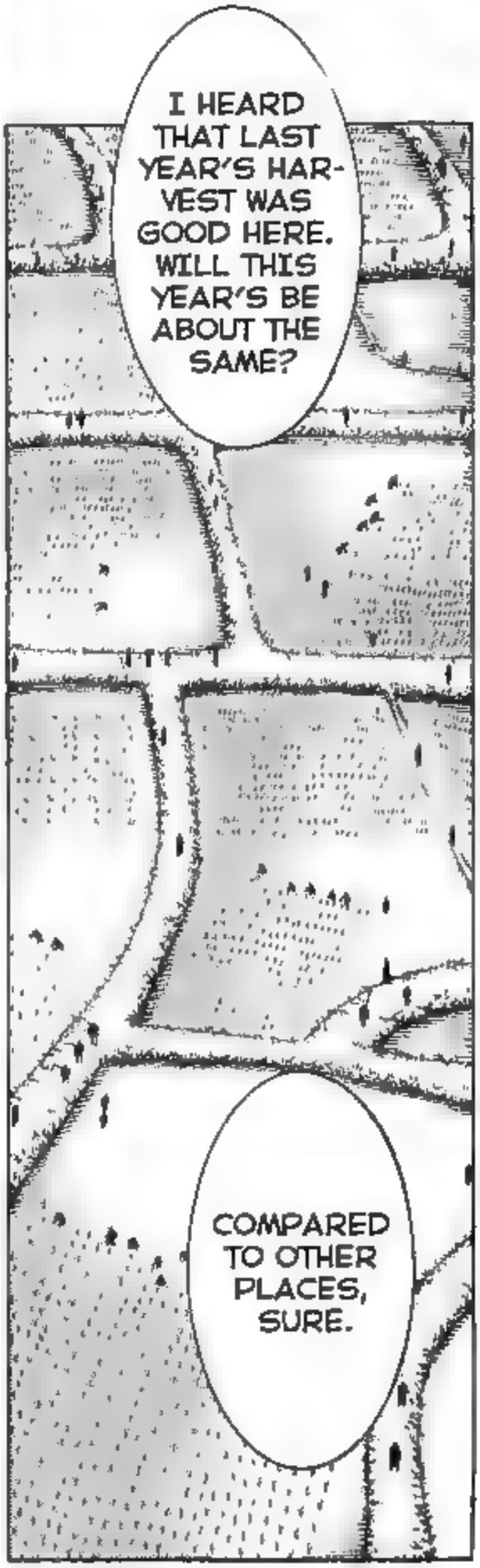
I HEARD THAT LAST YEAR'S HARVEST WAS GOOD HERE. WILL THIS YEAR'S BE ABOUT THE SAME?
COMPARED TO OTHER PLACES, SURE.

EXCEPT, MANY HEGE-MONS SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THIS REASON.

CAO CAO

YES. SOLDIERS USED TO BE FARMERS, BUT FARMING IS AN EMPIRE'S FOUNDATION. TRUE! TRUE!

I'M HERE JUST TO GIVE LORD CAO A GIFT.

MISTER JIA ISN'T HERE TO OBSERVE MY "AGRICULTURAL MILITARY," RIGHT?

A GIFT?

COULD IT BE... THAT WHICH WAS RUMORED TO BE HIDDEN BY SUN JIAN, THE IMPERIAL SEAL THAT ALL THE WARLORDS ARE AFTER?

A MAN OF YOUR TALENTS COULD HAVE MADE IT BIG; WHY WOULD YOU SERVE UNDER NANYANG'S ZHANG XIU?

※張繡・車騎部銀東將軍張濟之堂侄。

ZHANG XIU, DONG ZHUO'S SUBORDINATE "GENERAL WHO GUARDS THE EAST" ZHANG JI'S NEPHEW

OH, SO LORD CAO WANTS IT TOO?

JIA XU

WITH THAT MOVE, YUAN SHU HAS AGAIN TAKEN SOMETHING I LIKE.

THE WORLD UNDER IMPERIAL HAN IS IN CHAOS, SO WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO TAKE THE THRONE?

SO YOU'RE HINTING THAT YOU'VE ALREADY SENT SOMEONE AFTER IT.

I HEARD THAT SUN JIAN THOUGHT ABOUT GIVING THE SEAL TO LORD CAO, BUT UNFORTUNATELY YOU WERE STILL WEAK BACK THEN. IT'S STRANGE THOUGH... NOW THAT LORD CAO HAS BECOME POWERFUL, WHY HASN'T THE SUN CLAN SENT IT HERE?

HOO, ONE REALLY MUST BE CAREFUL WHEN SPEAKING TO MISTER JIA.

OH, OR IS IT... LORD CAO'S CRIME AT XUZHOU MADE SUN CE RE-EVALUATE YOUR LOYALTY?

I THINK I MISSED IT BECAUSE OF THE TRIP TO XUZHOU...

BUT THAT'S SUPER-FICIAL, NO BIG DEAL, RIGHT?

※東漢十二任帝光武帝劉秀，當年憑五圖稱帝。

ON THE SURFACE, THE IMPERIAL SEAL SEEM'S TO BE BENE-FICIAL FOR THE CON-QUEST. BUT TIMES HAVE CHANGED, AND EMPEROR GUANGWU'S TRICK WON'T WORK ANYMORE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

ONE OF THE EMPERORS DURING THE EAST HAN DYNASTY, LIU XIU, USED THE IMPERIAL SEAL AS EXCUSE TO DECLARE HIMSELF THE EMPEROR

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN...

THE HELL YOU DON'T. I'VE STUDIED THIS MOVE OF YOURS.

SOMEONE IN THE YUAN CLAN WANTS TO BE THE EMPEROR, BUT A DESCENDENT OF IMPERIAL HAN IS STILL ALIVE, WHICH GIVES OPPORTUNITY TO THOSE WHO WANT TO PROTECT THE OLD WAYS.

BUT WHEN EVERYONE'S ATTENTION IS DIVERTED ELSE-WHERE, YOU SIR, WOULD THEN TAKE CHANGAN...

AT THIS POINT, SOME ARE WAST-ING THEIR MAN-POWER BECAUSE THEY DON'T SEE THE BIG PICTURE; WHILE SOME ARE PRESERVING LIFE, WAITING FOR THE RIGHT TIMING.

AND USE THE EMPEROR TO RULE THE LORDS!

IT'S GETTING LATE,

GO TRAIN THE TROOPS!

YES-SIR.

SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE ME?

A MOBIL-IZATION DATE.

LI JUE AND GUO SI'S INTERNAL CON-FLICT HAS GOTTEN OUT OF HAND, MAKING A MESS AT CHANGAN.

YOU MEAN... YOU SERVE ZHANG XIU JUST SO YOU CAN PAVE THE WAY FOR ME?

ZHANG XIU REGARDS ME AS A GOD, SO IF LORD CAO WANTS TO ADVANCE TO CHANGAN, HE WILL NOT INTERVENE.

LORD CAO MIGHT NOT BE RIGHT-EOUS, BUT. . HEAVEN IS ON YOUR SIDE.

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

IF YOU'RE MEANING TO SERVE ME... WHY DO YOU SOUND LIKE YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ME?

PUYANG'S CAMPAIGN SHOWED HOW LORD CAO IS FAVORED EVEN BY HEAVEN.

BULLSHIT. LU BU WOULD'VE KILLED YOU IF IT WASN'T FOR YOUR LUCK. ISN'T THAT... HEAVEN'S FAVORITISM?

EVERYTHING WENT ACCORDING TO MY PLAN, WHAT'S HEAVEN GOT TO DO WITH IT?

THE RIGHT TIMING, RIGHT PLACE, AND RIGHT PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT TO ONE'S CONQUEST, BUT... SO IS LUCK.

I BELIEVE IN HEAVEN'S POWER.

ONLY YOU HAVE THE GUTS TO BET YOUR LIFE AGAINST HEAVEN.

ONE DAY I WILL CERTAINLY OBEY HEAVEN'S WILL AND SERVE THE RIGHT LORD.

SO JUST LET HIM LIVE.

MISTER JIA THINKS I CAN'T HANDLE HIM?

I CAN HARDLY WAIT. BUT, I SEEM TO OWE ZHANG XIU A FAVOR.

ONLY IF YOU WANT TO BET YOUR LIFE AGAINST HEAVEN ONE MORE TIME!

HOO.

I GET IT.

TWO, GIVE HIS FORMER SUBORDINATES A CHANCE TO REGROUP AND JOIN THOSE AT WAN. PLANTING THE SEED OF TROUBLE FOR YUAN SHU.

FAKING HIS DEATH WILL, ONE, HELP SUN CE AVOID HIS ENEMIES;

THE OTHER GOAL IS... LET YUAN SHU TAKE THE THRONE.

ONCE HE DOES, HE AND HIS BROTHER WILL FEEL MORE DIVIDED, CAUSING THEIR CLAN TO SPLIT UP, AND CREATE ENEMIES OUT OF ALL THE LORDS!

IF THIS WORKS... YUAN SHAO WILL ALIENATE HIS BROTHER FOR HIS OWN FACE. LORD CAO CAN THEN SHUTTLE BETWEEN THEM, GAINING BENEFITS AS HE PROCEED WITH HIS PLANS.

UNFORTUNATELY I WILL LOSE IT ALL AS A PRICE FOR MY MISTAKE...

MILADY'S STORY REALLY DID RAISE MY SPIRIT.

IN THAT CASE, I'LL RETURN THE COURTESY...

THIS SETUP IS QUITE CRAFTY, NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE IT.

AMAZING, AMAZING! I FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHY LORD CAO VALUES THE TIANS SO MUCH.

AND TELL YOU A STORY TOO!

THE TEAM SENT TO SEIZE SIMA CLAN'S CARAVAN IS BACK.

THEY'RE BACK! THEY'RE BACK!

OH?

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CHAPTER 141 WAIT FOR THE RIGHT TIMING

NOTHING AT ALL?

NOTHING BUT HAY IN THE CARTS.

YESSIR. THEY DROPPED THEIR STUFF AND RAN WHEN THEY SAW US.

WE CAUGHT ONE.

WEST? HOW DO YOU KNOW?

MISDIRECTION IS A COMMON TACTIC USED BY TRANSPORT GROUPS.

BRING HIM!

YES, SO I CAME BACK... TO REQUEST FOR A BIGGER TEAM TO CUT THEM OFF IN THE WEST.

SI... SIR, I'M JUST WORKING FOR MONEY...

QUIET!

PA~

HE FELL OFF THE HORSE WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE. WE CAUGHT HIM AND BEAT THE INFORMATION OUT OF HIM.

GOOD, VERY GOOD.

WAH! MY LEG!

WAH~

MY LEG!

THEY JUST CAME BACK ... AND NOW THEY'RE HEADING FOR THE WEST AGAIN.

YOU MEAN... DISTRACT THEM WITH A DECOY?

THE SIMA CLAN WON'T BE ABLE TO GET AWAY THIS TIME...

HAVING GOTTEN WAN USING THIS TRICK, HASN'T MILADY ALREADY FIGURED OUT THE LANDSCAPE AROUND HERE?

YOU MEAN... YOU ALL HAVE KNOWN THIS AREA...

HOW COULD WE TAKE THE RISK OF CHANGING A ROUTE, IF WE AREN'T SURE IT WOULD WORK?

THE SIMA CLAN HAS BUSINESS ALL OVER, AND WE MUST DELIVER ON TIME. SO GEOGRAPHY IS AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

NO,

WHO SAYS YOU'RE JUST A BOOKKEEPER? YOU SEEM TO KNOW EVERYTHING.

BESIDES, LOSING THIS CARAVAN WILL GIVE YUAN SHU THE EXCUSE TO ASK FOR MORE.

IT'S JUST THAT MILADY HAS ALWAYS UNDERESTI-MATED THE SIMA CLAN.

TRUE. I ALSO COULDN'T PREDICT THAT BREAKING A MAN'S NECK DOESN'T KILL HIM. QUITE A WOLF'S NECK YOU GOT THERE.

BECAUSE OF THAT, THE SIMA CLAN COULD DEFEAT DONG ZHUO AND LU BU WITH JUST THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS.

THE SIMA CLAN HAVE JUST A FEW SERVANTS, BUT THEIR MANY TALENTED ONES ARE ENOUGH TO MAKE IT STRONG!

HANDICAPPED WARRIORS? I THINK THAT MOST POWERFUL ONE... HAS ALREADY "LEFT" WITH LING CAO.

YES, SUN CE'S FAKE DEATH WOULD ALSO ELIMINATE SIMA CLAN'S MOST POWERFUL HENCHMAN, THAT... WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL TO THE TIANS.

BUT TO TAKE THAT MAN'S LIFE...

MS. SHAN SHOULD KNOW THAT... ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE IN THIS WORLD,

SPEAKING OF TAKING OVER THE SIMA CLAN ... MILADY SEEMS TO BE GOING ALL OUT.

THE STRATEGIES ARE STILL AT WORK.

HAHA!

ONLY THE LAST PERSON STANDING MATTERS.

HAHA!

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

BACK OFF,

TELL YOUR MEN TO BACK OFF.

YOU HEAR ME?

HELL! YOU THINK YOU'D LIVE AFTER I DIE?

MY BROTHERS, WE MEN OF WAN CANNOT BE THREATENED!

RIGHT, WE HAVE SWORN TO KILL THEM ALL!

KILL HIM!

RIGHT! THAT'S IT, MY GOOD BROTHERS!

GOOD BROTHERS ...

PA~

KILL~

SHA~

HM

DOESN'T NEED TO BE CONCLUDED JUST MY

SUN CE, MY LIFE...

OVER THERE.

IS A LATE-ARRIVAL ....

WORTHY OPPONENT.

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU SAYING?

MS. SHAN, THE STORY ISN'T OVER YET.

OH YEAH, ABOUT THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS...

MY LEG, HAS LONG SINCE...

STOPPED HURTING.

ASSASSINS LIVE
ONLY TO RISK
THEIR LIVES AGAIN;
IS THAT THEIR DUTY?

THEIR THINGS ARE HERE, BUT THE PEOPLE...

OH NO, SOMETHING'S UP!

FOUND ANYTH-ING?

THEY COULDN'T ESCAPE ...

NOTHING!

CHAPTER 142 ACT DURING THE RIGHT TIMING

MAKE FIVE TEAMS, DO A FULL SEARCH FROM SOUTH TO NORTH!

AND SEND A MESSAGE TO YOUNG MASTER SUN!

SHIT! MILADY AND THE GUYS...

COULDN'T ESCAPE!

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE.

EVERYBODY SURROUND THIS TENT!

NO ONE MOVES UNLESS I SAY SO!

ADVISOR IS IN TROUBLE, TELL THE TROOP ON THE HILL TO GET HERE!

DID YOU HEAR ME? GO TELL THEM!

VICE COMMANDER, WHAT NOW...

BE PATIENT.

TAKE YOUR TIME.

PLEASE HAVE A SEAT, MS. SHAN.

SEE, IT'S GOOD TO BE ALIVE.

ZHENG!

THIS...

BECAUSE YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH MUCH MORE IF YOU'RE ALIVE.

RIGHT?

SOMEHOW... YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE A NOBODY.

LIKE YOU, I PREFER TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE.

MISTER ADVISOR, PLEASE SIT.

YES, THERE ARE MANY INGENIOUS MEN IN THE WORLD;

DUKE IT OUT WITH STRATEGIES IS REALLY TIRING.

I NEVER SUBMIT TO THREATS.

LOOKS LIKE ADVISOR HAS NO INTENTION OF LETTING US GO.

嗚 FWAH~

NO USE.

DAMNIT! WHO TOLD YOU GUYS TO DO THAT?

ADVISOR IS STILL IN THEIR HANDS, SO BACK OFF! EVERYBODY BACK OFF!

NOW THAT THE SHADE HAS BEEN REMOVED, LET'S DO THE SAME WITH OUR SUBTLETY.

BUT I SAY... NO ONE CAN THREATEN ME. GET THEM!

I SAY... SINCE ADVISOR'S MAIN GOAL HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, WHY NOT LET US GO?

A... ADVISOR, BUT...

BESIDES, THIS WORLD IS FULL OF MORONS.

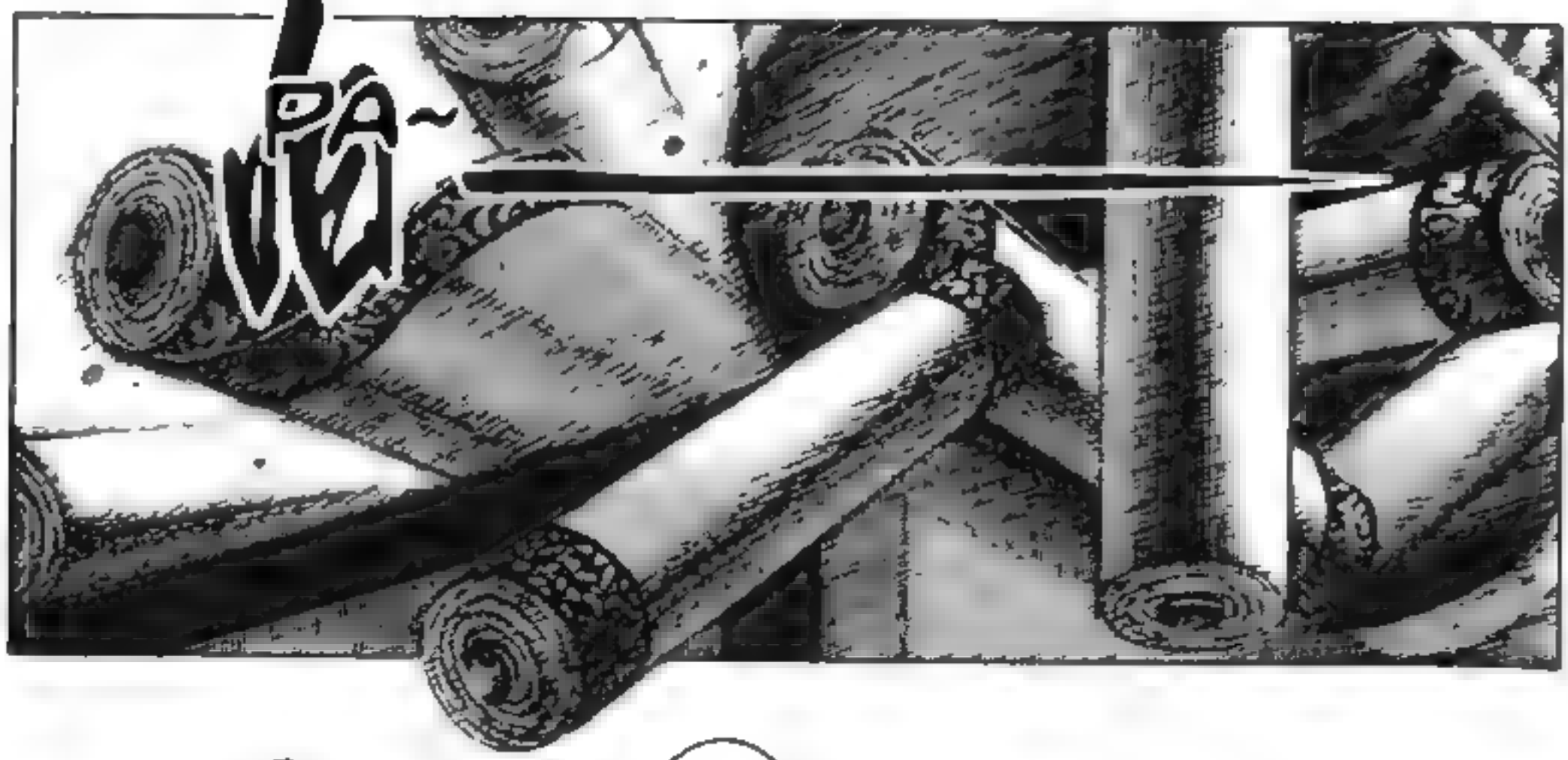
SO WHAT IS ADVISOR'S SENSE OF VALUE?

THE SAGES OF OLD SAYS, MEN SHOULD BE LOYAL.

IF ONE ACHIEVES SOMETHING MEANINGFUL, WHY SHOULD HE FEAR THAT HIS LIFE HAS NO VALUE?

MY LIFE... IN EXCHANGE FOR A FOUNDATION OF THE SHAN CLAN, THAT'S ALREADY QUITE MEANINGFUL...

AND NOW... PLUS THE SIMA BLOODLINE, ISN'T THAT AN EVEN BETTER DEAL?


MS. SHAN, YOU'RE FINALLY WILLING TO SIT DOWN.
HE...
HE IS...

SIMA YI!?

ADVISOR'S INTELLECT IS EXTRAORDINARY INDEED!

THEY SAY THE LESS YOU KNOW ABOUT A MAN, THE SCARIER HE IS.

YOUR HUMILITY IS JUST A DISGUISE.

PEOPLE NEVER UNDERSTAND THE REASON BEHIND THE SUDDEN RISE OF ONE'S STATUS FROM BEING UNKNOWN.

THAT'S WHY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS... I'M STILL NOT FAMOUS AROUND THE WORLD.

YES, IT'S EASIER TO DO THINGS WHEN ONE IS NOT KNOWN.

IN SOME WAYS... THAT'S RIGHT... BUT IS IT WORTH IT?

YOUR LIFE IS YOUR VALUE, WHILE I'M ONLY LOOKING OUT FOR MY LORD'S BENEFIT.

AND NOW... WITH TWO OF CAO CAO'S INVESTORS IN MY HANDS, MY LORD WILL ENJOY THE BENEFITS FOREVER.

I DON'T SEE A BETTER DEAL THAN THIS.

IF I CAN'T MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE NOW, WHAT IS THE VALUE OF MY LIFE?

BUT... ADVISOR, YOU...

LISTEN, CAPTURE THEM AND GIVE THEM TO OUR LORD! YOU TAKE THE CREDIT!

I ONLY KNOW THAT THIS TIME YOU'RE SENDING ...

OUR LAST CARAVAN CARRIED ARMORS. GUESS WHAT WE'RE SEND-ING THIS TIME?

PA~

HOSTAGES!

GO! GET THEM!

SIT DOWN!

THE SHAN CLAN,

IS GOING DOWN!

XIU~

嗖~

嗖~

ARROWS!?

MY LIFE...

ISN'T PROPERLY CONCLUDED!

WE JUST GOT HERE, WHO KNEW.

TEAM TWO WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE HILL?

BE CAREFUL NOT TO HURT YOUNG MASTER, DON'T AIM LOW!

HURRY, THEIR DIVERTED TROOP IS COMING BACK SOON!

KEEP FIRING, WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF ARROWS!

MS. SHAN, YOU,

SHIT! IT'S SIMA CLAN'S TRANSPORT GROUP.

SPLIT UP! OR ELSE WE'LL SOON

ARE GONNA BE MINE!

LIKE HELL!

TALENTS DIE YOUNG
BEFORE THEIR NAMES
BECOME KNOWN;
THAT IS COMMON
IN LIFE!

【下集預告】

如果，歷史要人這樣子活著？

那麼，就要好好的活下去。

第十八集

活得更精彩！

劉焉漢末群雄據地圖

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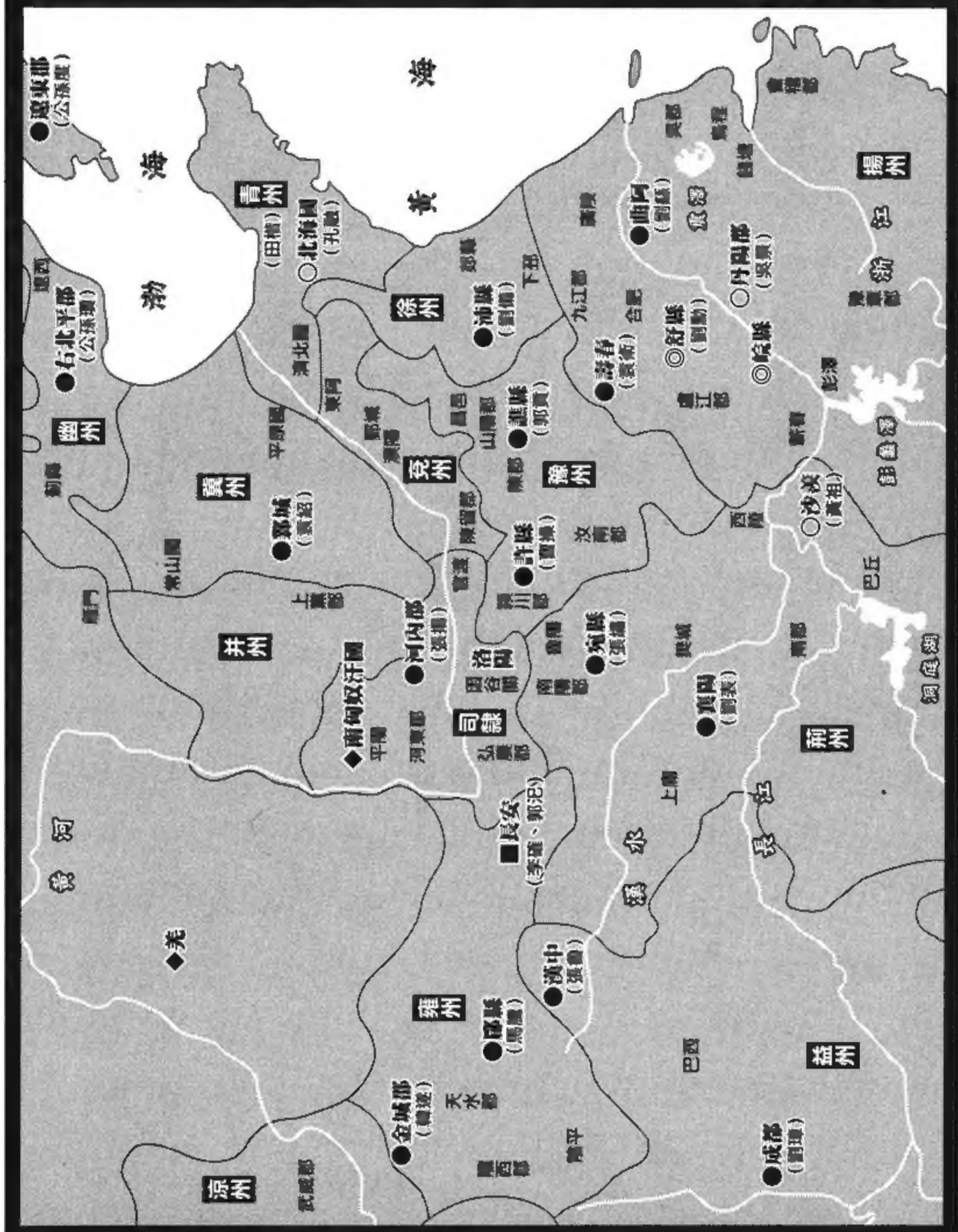
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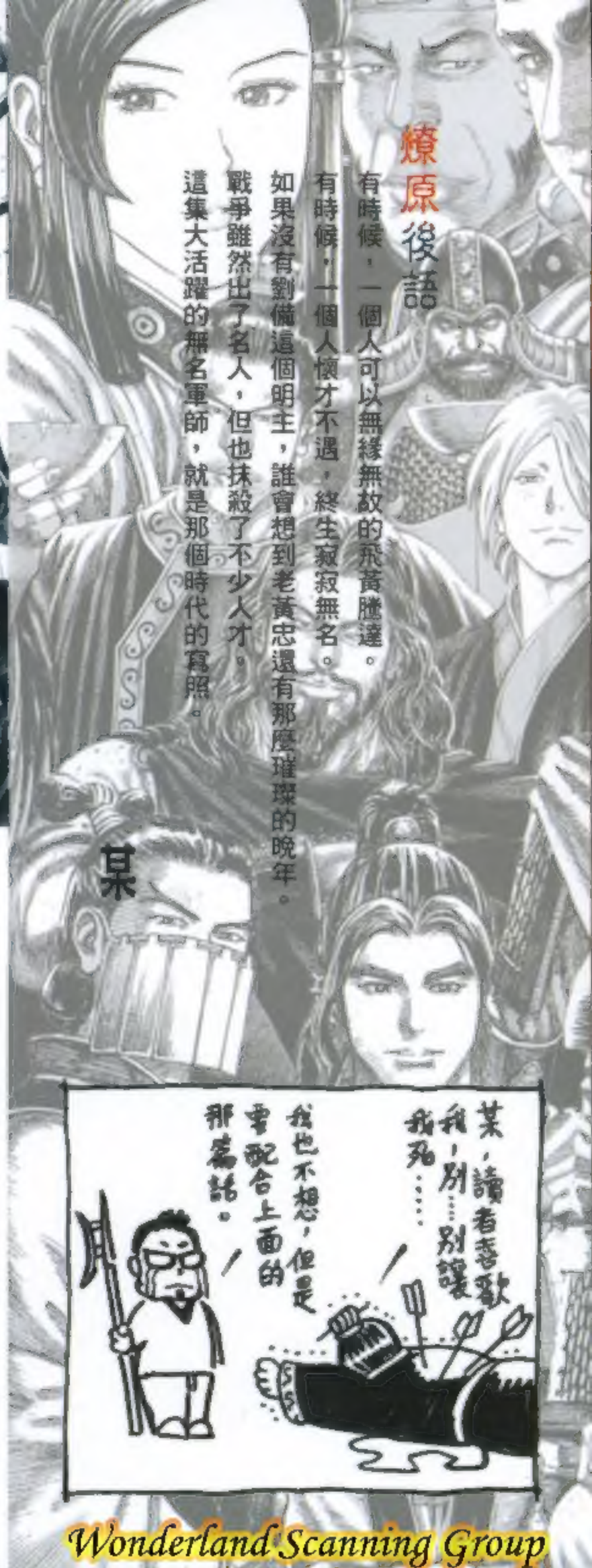

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